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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition in business is necessary to protect consumers and to prevent monopolies. I live in a large metropolitan area, yet I have few options for internet providers. My parents live in a rural area and they only have ONE option for an internet service provider.

I currently use a competitive telephone and internet service, and would like to continue to do so. The cost of living is already so high right now, please do not allow anti-competitive laws to add to these rising costs.

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